

After over 60 Guard years

Chief of Staff, Inspector General retire

Two state staff officers recently retired from the Kentucky National Guard after together serving over 70 years in the military and over 60 years in the Kentucky National Guard.

Col. Thomas Joseph Murphy, who began his military career with the Enlisted Reserve Corps (ERC) in 1943, retired Oct. 31. Col. James Foster Graves, who enlisted with the ERC in 1942, retired Sept. 30.

Col. Murphy enlisted in the Kentucky National Guard in November 1946, and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in October 1950. In 1972, he was promoted to Colonel. Many of his early years of service were spent in the Bowling Green area before moving to the state staff office in Frankfort.

Among positions he held while in the

Guard are: Director of Training, Civilian Military Staff Officer and Chief of Staff, holding this last position until his recent retirement.

Awards presented to Col. Murphy during his military career include: Kentucky Commendation Medal, Kentucky Medal for Merit, Army Commendation Medal, Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal, Kentucky 30-Year Faithful Service Plaque and Kentucky State Active Duty Ribbon for which he received six oak leaf clusters.

Col. Graves first went on active duty in April 1943 as an Air Corps cadet. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in February 1945 and served on active duty as a U. S. Air Force pilot until his appointment to the Kentucky National

Guard as a 1st Lieutenant in January 1949.

He was an Aviation Officer from October 1965 through February 1968. In May 1973, he was promoted to Colonel and served as Civilian Military Officer from May through October of that year. From October 1973 until his retirement this year, he was Inspector General for the state of Kentucky.

Awards Col. Graves received during his military service include: Kentucky Merit Ribbon, Kentucky 30-Year Faithful Service Plaque, Army Commendation Medal and State Active Duty Ribbon for the 1959 Eastern Kentucky Coal Strike.

Both men were presented the Legion of Merit, the nation's seventh highest honor, in ceremonies held Nov. 18 in Frankfort.

Air Guard's Open House '79 attracts 12,000

The Air Guard's Open House '79 drew an estimated 12,000 visitors, the largest crowd ever assembled at Standiford Field, Louisville. The event, held Sept. 30, attracted crowds from all over the state.

Open House '79 featured the greatest variety of aircraft types and models ever seen in the Louisville area. During the afternoon, a special ceremony honored Louisville area industrial and business leaders for their outstanding support of the Guard and Reserve programs in Kentucky.

"This event has exceeded our expectations in every way," Brig. Gen. William P. Gast, 123rd Wing Commander, said. "We are extremely proud of the outstanding efforts of everyone involved."



CROWDS VIEW aircraft displays at Standiford Field during September's Open House. Over 12,000 visitors from all over the state attended the event.

Five medics credited with saving life

Five Kentucky Guardsmen put their annual training to the test in August when they assisted four victims of a car-truck crash near Cumby, Tex.

The medics were with a convoy returning from annual training at Fort Hood, Tex., when they reached the accident site and immediately stopped to render aid.

Witnesses and investigating officers credited the quick action of the Guardsmen with keeping one man from bleeding to death until ambulances were able to reach the scene. As the medics attempted to check the bleeding of the injured man, other medics attended the other victims.

For their meritorious service, the following men were recommended for an

Army Commendation Medal: 2nd Lt. Gary K. Walden, Spec. 4 Floyd P. McLevaine and Pvt. 2 Daniel E. Gibson, 471st Medical Detachment, Bowling Green; and Spec. 6 Roger E. Chalfant and Spec. 5 Daniel G. Shuler, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor, Owensboro. They will receive their medals in an award presentation next month.

Jones selected

Spec. 4 George L. Jones, 223rd Military Police Company, Louisville, has been selected Kentucky's first Vietnam Veteran of the Year.

He was chosen by the Vietnam Veterans Civic Council, a citizens group established by the Veterans Administration. The award is designed to honor a veteran for outstanding community service after returning from Vietnam.

Specialist Jones, who grew up in New York, went to Vietnam 10 years ago. After serving as an infantryman, he finished his Army duty at Fort Knox in 1972.

While he is earning a degree in social work from Jefferson Community College, Jones has a job in the Veterans Affairs office on campus. His counseling of Vietnam veterans on campus was instrumental in his selection as Veteran of the Year.

Farmer at West Point

Lt. Col Maurice Farmer, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor, Owensboro, has addressed cadets at West Point Military Academy for the second year in a row.

Last year, Colonel Farmer was the only Guard officer to address the cadets. He returned to speak to another class on how the Guard feels about the "total force" concept.

The colonel recently returned from a tour of military facilities in West Germany. The program included a briefing at the Pentagon followed by a flight to Frankfurt and several days of tour at installations such as Heidelberg, Fulda, Nurnburg, Grafensehr, Wiesbaden and Kaiserslautern.



CIVILIANS STORM the front gate in a simulated attack on Standiford Field. The exercise was aimed at exposing Air Guard personnel to a real world situation.

Simulated attack on Standiford Field exposes Guard to realistic training

Army Guard and Reserve military police, some clad in Russian uniforms, attempted a takeover of Standiford Field in Louisville Oct. 13 in a simulated attack.

Although simulated attacks are normal at Air Force installations, the attack on the Air Guard's 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing was unusually realistic with helicopter assaults, mock motor and machine gun fire and civilians rushing the front gate. Attack forces included military police from the Army Guard's 438th Military Police Company and the 100th Division, Maneuver Training Company, U. S. Army Reserve.

The mock attack was aimed at exposing Air Guard personnel to a real world situation. The Air Guard's primary mission in wartime would be to quickly deploy personnel, equipment and aircraft to a foreign location for operational support. While in a foreign country, units could be exposed to numerous incidents which they would not normally be subjected to in peacetime.

Brig. Gen. Fred Bradley, 123rd Wing Commander, said "Such exercises will help us achieve maximum potential to cope with an actual threat if the situation ever arises. The use of realistic training far exceeds the effect that could have been accomplished by pure simulation."

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EMPLOYER SUPPORT TIPS

The relationship between a Guardsman and his unit depends to a great extent on his employer. The employer's understanding or lack of understanding about Guard participation may mean the difference in how well Guard duties can be performed.

Whether the employer is a supporter or non-supporter of Guard participation, here are some tips to help improve his attitude.

KEEP HIM POSTED ON DRILL DATES. Be fair with your employer by letting him know as far in advance as possible of upcoming weekend drills or annual training. Don't surprise him with a last-minute notice. Give him plenty of time to schedule a replacement, if necessary.

TELL THE EMPLOYER WHAT YOU ARE LEARNING. When you return to your civilian job after weekend drill or annual training, talk about the accomplishments of your unit. Don't give your employer the impression that it was a vacation away from work.

THANK HIM FOR HIS COOPERATION. Let him know you appreciate his support in arranging schedules to fit your military duty.

USE YOUR TRAINING ON THE JOB. Demonstrate the leadership and management experience you have gained while in uniform. Use the technical skills you have learned and take every opportunity to improve your skills through advanced courses. Your training and experience in uniform may lead to a better job and higher pay in your civilian occupation.

Remember that your initiative on the job and your cooperation with your employer can be important factors in his support and understanding.

Ceremonies honor employers

Two recent ceremonies honored employers for outstanding support of their Guardsmen and Army Reservists.

At the Air National Guard's Open House in October, a ceremony was held recognizing Louisville area businesses. Certificates of Commendation were presented by Lewis Kerberg, state chairman of the Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Western Kentucky employers were honored at the Open House held in late October at the Paducah National Guard Armory. Awards were presented by Sam Ruth, also a member of the statewide

committee.

September was officially Employer Support Month.

Contract awarded

The state has awarded an \$807,000 contract for construction of the new National Guard Armory at Springfield to Jones, Nance and Steineman, Inc. of Bowling Green.

Work on the 16,000-square foot structure is expected to be completed by Nov. 2, 1980.

New running record set

The challenge went out to beat last year's fastest runners and Spec. 4 Sarah Tollner, 202nd Army Band, Frankfort, met it by running the four-mile distance in 31:00 minutes, beating the old women's record by one minute.

This year's men's winner came close to last year's record. 2nd Lt. John R. Redmon, Detachment 1, 207th Engineering Company, Hazard, is the year's fastest man, running the four miles in 22:00 minutes. But the record remains with George R. Smith III, 441st Medical Detachment, Frankfort, who ran the distance last year in 20:20 minutes.

Sgt. Jerry L. Tucker, a full-time recruiter in the Richmond, Harrodsburg, Danville and Ravenna area, runs longer distances than four miles. He is a marathon

runner, having participated in three 26 mile marathons and a 50 mile ultramarathon.

Sergeant Tucker, who has been running for about three years, competed in an ultramarathon course Oct. 7 which began at the Capitol steps in Frankfort and ended in downtown Louisville. Of the 24 people who began the race, 19 finished. Sergeant Tucker finished 13th, making the run in nine hours, 22 minutes.

"A funny thing happened at the 46 mile marker," he said. "The man at the check point sent me in the wrong direction and I ended up going an extra two miles in downtown Louisville. Up until then, I was in 10th place."

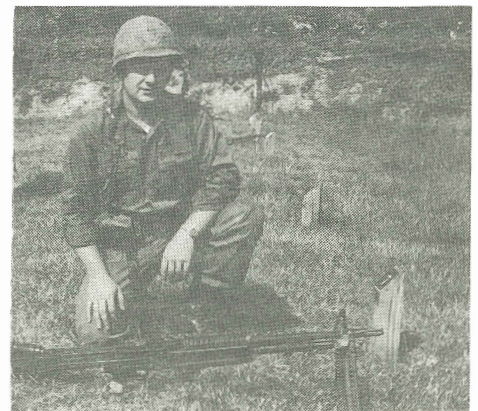
His goal is to beat his old record and make next year's ultramarathon in eight hours. "Someday," he said, "I'd like to run in a 100 mile ultramarathon."

Guard . . . at a glance

Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General, was inducted into Morehead State University's Alumni Hall of Fame during recent MSU Homecoming activities. General Wellman, the highest-ranking military officer to hold a degree from MSU, was presented the Hall of Fame Medallion by MSU President Morris L. Norfleet.

M. Sgt. William R. Moore Sr. and T. Sgt. William R. Moore Jr. have more in common than the same name and a father-son relationship. Both men are members of the Air Guard's 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Standiford Field, Louisville, full-time Air Force technicians and recent graduates of professional military academies. The senior Moore attended USAR Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Gunter Air Force Station in Alabama and the junior Moore graduated from Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy at McGhee Tyson Airport Base in Tennessee. Both men graduated on Oct. 4. After completing school, the two sergeants returned to their civil service jobs. M. Sgt. Moore is a shop foreman in the motor vehicle section at Standiford Field and T. Sgt. Moore is a communicator with the Wing.

Spec. 5 Lawrence Rigney, of Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry, Williamsburg, fired a 298 to capture the individual M-60 machine gun championship and to set a new record during 1979 national competition held in North Little Rock, Ark. Over 1,100 competitors, representing 47 states and Puerto Rico, participated in the two-week National Guard championships in September.



Spec. 5 Lawrence Rigney

Annual training is many 'firsts' for 475th

The 475th Combat Support Hospital spent two gruelling weeks this summer in Army tents and inflatable shelters under a scorching San Antonio, Texas sun learning the mission of a combat medical unit.

The unit went to Camp Bullis for annual training, marking the first field exercise for the 18-month-old unit and for most of its members.

With help from the 41st Combat Support Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, 475th members set up hospital operations and participated in mock combat exercises for three of their 14 days in Texas.

The majority of the unit members have had no prior active duty service, so the rest of the time was spent learning military basics. The civilian-oriented troops were taught "Army" in classroom and on-the-job training.

Unit commander, Col. (Dr.) Sidney R. Steinberg, a surgeon in civilian life, said "We were under field conditions--smoke bombs, gas masks, the whole works."

"It was a new life for most of the people in the unit," Capt. David A. Parker, unit adjutant, added. "It's amazing how quickly they adjusted to the hard work and less than ideal living circumstances."

The M.U.S.T. (Medical Unit Self-contained Transportable) equipment consists of a huge series of rubberized shelters--an emergency medical treatment center with 20-bed ward, x-ray area, operating room and supply and power units. All hospital facilities are air-conditioned.

The entire 475th hospital set-up requires an area of about one acre for the hospital and the housing and mess tents. At full capacity, the M.U.S.T. equipment takes a much larger space.

The Guardsmen used only a part of that capability during annual training, but conditions were authentic. While the hospital environment was controlled for heating and cooling, the city doctors and

nurses slept and ate under canvas tents, cooled only by infrequent and warm Texas breezes.

Both Colonel Steinberg and Captain Parker were surprised and pleased with the cooperation and united effort they

saw among their own troops and those of the active Army. "We all worked hand-in-hand," Colonel Steinberg said. "There's no question that our people could go out and do an incredible job," the commander added. "They learned to cope."



MEMBERS OF the 475th Combat Support Hospital set up these hospital facilities during their two-week annual training at Camp Bullis, Texas. The M.U.S.T. (Medical Unit Self-contained Transportable) equipment consists of a huge series of rubberized shelters.

Dining In VII is held in Louisville

Dining In VII, held Oct. 27 in Louisville, brought the largest crowd of Kentucky Army and Air Guardsmen together since this formal function was initiated in 1972.

The gathering, which is designed to provide fellowship for members of the Kentucky Guard and to welcome new members, also served as an opportunity to recognize several groups for their strong support of the Kentucky Guard.

Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General, gave particular praise to the presidents of the Kentucky Broadcasters Association and the Kentucky Press Association.

Paul Mick, KPA president, and William E. Summers III, KBA president, both commended the Guard for outstanding public service and expressed their continued support.

Capt. Bruce Pieratt, president of the National Guard Association, presented two resolutions of commendation to the Kentucky House of Representatives and the Kentucky Senate. William G. Kenton, Speaker of the House, and Joseph W. Prather, president pro tem of the Senate, accepted those resolutions and assured members of the Guard that continued support could be expected.

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